

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition requesting a three-month extension of time for resetting the deadline for responding to the Office Action from October 12, 2005, to and including January 12, 2006.

As an initial matter, Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claim 18.

In the present Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 5, 7-8, 13 and 19-20. Thus, claim 18, which the Examiner allowed, is the only claim pending in the application. In view of the above-noted amendments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 18.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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